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Darko Pervan

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Title: FLOORING AND METHOD FOR INSTALLATION AND MANUFACTURING THEREOF



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**FIRST  
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Sir:

Enclosed is a **FIRST** Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying form PTO-1449 for the above-identified patent application.

- ☒ No additional fee for submission of an IDS is required.
- ☐ The fee of \$180.00 (1806) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is also enclosed.
- ☐ A statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is also enclosed.
- ☐ A statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), and the fee of \$180.00 (1806) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) are also enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the fee due.
- ☐ Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

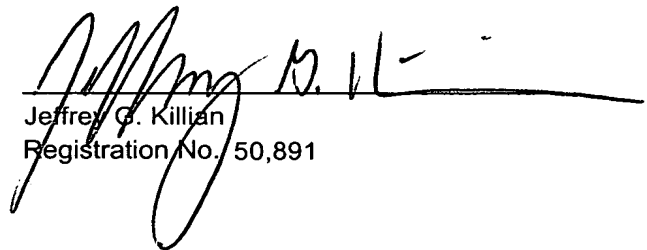
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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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Pervan as inventor and filed on February 2, 2004, and 10/708,314 naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on February 24, 2004, and the documents cited therein. A copy of each of the applications is enclosed.

 In accordance with MPEP § 609 III C(2) (August 2001, page 600-131), the Office is requested to return a copy of this Information Disclosure Statement with the Examiner's initials adjacent to this paragraph indicating that this copending application has been considered. By citation to the copending application, confidentiality is not waived and the Office is requested to maintain the confidentiality of the copending application under 35 U.S.C. § 122.

The documents being submitted all relate to joined panels and/or joined flooring. Applicant asserts that the relevance of each document can be ascertained at least from the drawing figures.

In addition, the following statements of relevance are provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(3)(i):

DE19651149 relates to the use of a sealing agent to obtain a better seal between adjacent panels;

DE2252643 relates to the use of spring clips to keep adjacent panels together;

DE3214207 relates to a method of producing panels with a tongue and groove joint system;

DE4002547 relates to thermally insulating panels which are mounted with their edges in an overlapping position, the overlapping portions being undulated.

In regards to the non-English language documents being submitted and not discussed above, Applicant respectfully asserts that the relevance of each document can be ascertained from the drawing figures accompanying each document.

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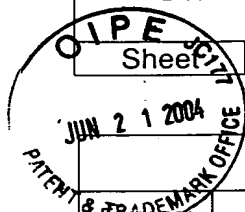
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